January 6, 2004

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, January 14, 2004 - <u>4:00 p.m.</u> MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING TIME OF 4:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone conference call. As was discussed at the first meeting of the Committee, proxies would not be allowed. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view would always be a part of the process.

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Refreshments and a light dinner will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact me at (480) 350-8865, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE TENTATIVE AGENDA January 14, 2004

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>
- 3. <u>Call to the Audience</u>

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Policy Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Transportation Policy Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

3. Information.

MINUTES

- 4. Approval of December 17, 2003 Meeting Minutes
- 4. Review and approve the December 17, 2003 meeting minutes.

ITEM PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

5. Proposed Election Authorization Legislation

At the December 17, 2003 Transportation Policy Committee meeting, the components of the legislation to extend the one-half cent sales tax for transportation were discussed. Since that time, additional meetings have been held with legislators regarding the components of the legislation. Legislators have expressed the need to have safeguards in the bill regarding the five-year audit process and the process to approve amendments to the Regional Transportation Plan. These discussions are continuing and it is expected that the bill will be introduced at the beginning of the legislative session. The components of the bill will be discussed at the January 14, 2004 TPC meeting.

5. Information, discussion and possible action.